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TAGS: MOPS, MARR, TU

SUBJ: JANUARY 18 DISCUSSION AT FOREIGN MINISTRY:

F-4 ROTATION

REF: ANKARA 457

1. SUMMARY. EMBASSY TOOK UP WITH MINISTRY ATTEMPT BY TURKISH MILITARY TO FORCE U.S. TO INCREASE NUMBER OF U.S. F-4 AIRCRAFT AT INCIRLIK TO 18. MINISTRY EXPLAINED MATTER AWAY AS MISUNDERSTANDING, AND ASSURED THAT DEPARTING F-4'S WOULD BE CLEARED. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING JANUARY 18 TALK WITH YAVUZALP AT MFA, WE RAISED SUBJECT OF TURKISH AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL'S STATEMENT THAT IT WOULD NOT CLEAR ROTATING U.S. F-4'S OUT OF INCIRLIK UNTIL NUMBER PRESENT THERE REACHED AND REMAINED AT 18. APPROACHES BY DATT TO TAF AND TGS AT HIGHER LEVELS HAD FAILED TO RESOLVE

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PROBLEM. WE ARGUED THERE WAS NO NIMUM REQUIREMENT OF

18, BUT AGREED THAT IF GOT DID NOT SHARE THIS VIEW, MATTER COULD BE DISCUSSED. WHAT WE FOUND UNACCEPTABLE WAS THREAT TO HOLD OUR AIRCRAFT CAPTIVE AT INCIRLIK PENDING RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES, IF ANY EXISTED. WE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT ENTIRE MATTER WOULD TURN OUT TO BE MISUNDERSTANDING AND WOULD QUICKLY BLOW AWAY\*.

3. YAVUZALP SAID IT APPEARED THAT ENTIRE AFFAIR WAS INDEED RESULT OF MISUNDERSTANDING; HE HAD JUST ASCERTAINED THAT IT WOULD SOON BE RESOLVED AND ATC CLEARANCE GRANTED FOR DEPARTING F-4'S. HE ADDED THAT NEITHER HE NOR ANYBODY ELSE IN MINISTRY HAD EVEN HEARD OF QUESTION UNTIL IT HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THEIR ATTENTION INFORMALLY BY EMBASSY PREVIOUS DAY. THIS PROVED THAT THERE WAS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN IT AND OTHER QUESTIONS RAISED WITH HIM, AND NO CONSPIRACY WITHIN FOREIGN MINISTRY OR GOT TO PUT SOME KIND OF HEAT ON U.S. , HE CONCLUDED.

4. AS WE WERE LEAVING MINISTRY, WE STOPPED TO SEE ASULA, SUCCESSOR OF DIVANLIOGLU AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR GENERAL COMPETENT IN THIS MATTER. HE WENT BEYOND WHAT YAVUZALP HAD TOLD US, SAYING THAT OVERSIGHT HAD OCCURRED ON TURKISH MILITARY SIDE. AT TIME, IN SUMMER 1972, WHEN U.S. HAD INFORMED MINISTRY OF INTENT TO REDUCE NUMBER OF F-4'S FROM 18 TO 12-14, TGS HAD CONCURRED IN REDUCTION, BUT THERE HAD BEEN A FAILURE TO ADVISE EITHER EMBASSY OR TAF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL. AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL WOULD NOW BE ADVISED, AND PROBLEM WOULD DISAPPEAR. WE REMARKED WITH A SMILE THAT IT SEEMED ODD THAT IT HAD TAKEN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL A YEAR AND A HALF TO BECOME AWARE OF FACT THAT NUMBER OF F-4'S AT INCIRLIK HAD GONE DOWN. ASULA SMILED BACK AND THAT ENDED CONVERSATION.

5. COMMENT. ASULA'S EXPLANATION, WHICH WAS REPEATED FOLLOWING DAY BY TGS GENERAL SOYDAN TO DATT, IS OBVIOUSLY AN EXERCISE IN FACESAVING WHICH WE WILL ACCEPT WITHOUT FURTHER QUESTION. MACOMBER

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